

In the specification:

Please amend paragraph 0017 as follows:

In the event no MAC addresses were found in the FDB tables, or to double check that all uplink ports have been identified, the complete contents of the FDB tables of bridges 20, 22, and 24, which includes the MAC addresses of all devices in network 10 may be downloaded as provided in step 112. Then, in step 114 a count is made of all the MAC addresses associated with each port. If the count exceeds a predetermined user-provided number (step 116), the port is marked as an uplink port (step 118). If the count does not exceed the predetermined number, the port is not marked as an uplink port (step 120). Thus, uplink ports may be readily verified, and overlooked or missed uplink ports may be identified.